Service Date: December 24, 1984

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application
Of THE MONTANA POWER COMPANY To
Issue An Additional 500,000 Shares
of Its Common Stock In Connection
With Its Customer Stock Purchase
Plan

DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4651a

On December 5, 1984, The Montana Power Company ("Company") filed with the Public Service Commission its verified application for authority to issue an additional 500,000 shares of its common stock in connection with its Customer Stock Purchase Plan ("Plan") heretofore approved in this Docket.

The Company states that its Board of Directors has been informed that the supply of shares available under the Plan was anticipated to be exhausted by the end of 1984 and that the above application was duly authorized by resolutions of the Board of Directors.

Having considered the application and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following:

FINDING OF FACT

That notice of the filing of the application has been duly given; that due consideration has been given to the matters presented in connection therewith; and that the application should be approved as hereinafter ordered.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

That the application complies with MCA Section 69-3-501

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through 69-3-507, inclusive, and other laws of Montana, and the same should be granted as hereinafter ordered.

<u>ORDER</u>

At a session of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held in its office at 2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, on December 21, 1984, there came before the Commission the application above described. The Commission, being duly advised in the premises, makes and enters the following Orders:

IT IS ORDERED that the application of the Company, The Montana Power Company, for an order authorizing the issuance of an additional 500,000 shares of its common stock in connection with its Customer Stock Purchase Plan be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other terms and conditions of its previous order in this docket remain in full force and effect.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 21st day of December, 1984 by a 4-0 vote.

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BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

| | | Thomas J. Schneider Chairman | |
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| ATTEST: | | | |
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| Madeline Commissi | L. Cottrill on Secretary | | |
| (SEAL) | | | |
| NOTE: | Any interested party may request reconsider must be filed within te | the Commission to reconsider this decision. A en (10) days. <u>See</u> 38.2.4806, ARM. | motion to |